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COMMERCE FOR CAGNE

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO KUWAIT OF MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR AND
BUSINESSMEN

1. EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER (WHO CURRENTLY ON LEAVE)
RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE SEPTEMBER 19 FROM PAUL FUGATE
ADVISING THAT GOVERNOR WALLER AND SMALL GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN
PLANNING ON VISIT KUWAIT OCTOBER 23-27. MISSISSIPPI GROUP
WILL INCLUDE BUSINESSMEN FROM FIRMS DEALING IN PREFAB HOUSING,
LUMBER, AGRIBUSINESS AND HEAVY MACHINERY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMERCE REQUESTED ADVISE MR. FUGATE
(TELEX NUMBER 585489 MISS MARK JKS) THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED
HIS CABLE AND LOOK FORWARD TO RETURN VISIT TO KUWAIT OF
GOVERNOR WALLER AND OTHERS. CHIEF AGRICULTURE DEPT MANNAI WILL
SEE GROUP OCTOBER 25 OR 26. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH KIC
AND WE WERE TOLD INDIVIDUAL KUWAITI MINISTRIES INTEND REPLY
DIRECTLY TO FUGATE. WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY KNEW
EXACTLY WHICH MISSISSIPPI BUSINESSMEN FROM WHICH FIRMS WILL
ACCOMPANY GOVERNOR WALLER AND WHOM THEY WISH TO SEE WHILE IN
KUWAIT. PLEASE INFORM FUGATE THAT EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT
HAVE TELEX BUT WE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH DEPARTMENTS OF
STATE OR COMMERCE. TELEX MESSAGES SENT TO KUWAIT HILTON
(TELEX NUMBER 2039 KUWAIT) WILL BE SENT TO US QUICKLY BY HOTEL.

3. COMMENT: MISSISSIPPI GROUP IS NOT FORMAL IOGA, BUT IT
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LIKELY TO REQUIRE DEGREE OF SUPPORT FROM EMBASSY, PARTICULARLY

SINCE GOVERNOR PARTICIPATING. VISIT FOLLOWS CLOSELY WHAT WE UNDERSTAND WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF KUWAIT TEAM LED BY FINANCE MINISTER ATEEQI TO JACKSON LAST MONTH. MISSISSIPPI GROUP MAY TRY TO MOVE FORWARD ON VARIOUS INVESTMENT IDEAS THAT WERE DISCUSSED THEN. WE UNDERSTAND KUWAITI FINANCING OF RICE MILL IN MISSISSIPPI IS ONE POSSIBILITY UNDER CONSIDERATION.
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